



# Cincinnati Police Department STAFF NOTES

September 26, 2006

*Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief*



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**1. COURT HOLIDAY – COLUMBUS DAY**

On Monday, October 9, 2006, the Hamilton County Municipal Court will observe the Columbus Day Holiday. Courtroom A will be open in the morning only. All other courtrooms will be closed. Officers are reminded not to issue citations requiring a court appearance on this date.

**2. MOUNTAIN BIKE OFFICER TRAINING CLASS**

The Cincinnati Police Department will be providing a Mountain Bike Officer training class from October 23, 2006 through October 27, 2006, at Sharon Woods Park, 11450 Lebanon Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45241. Officers participating in this training will be required to pass a physical fitness test. The test will consist of a timed two mile run, a 15 mile group bike ride, and the completion of the maximum amount of push ups and sit ups in one minute. The date for the physical fitness test will be October 12, 2006.

Interested officers should submit a Form 17 through the chain of command no later than October 6, 2006.

**3. VOCALINK LANGUAGE SERVICES**

As of September 18, 2006, the phone translation vendor has changed from Language Line to Vocalink Language Services. Vocalink will provide the same services previously provided by Language Line. Vocalink has the capability to translate over 200 different languages with little or no wait time. Police Communications Section will act as the liaison between Vocalink and officers in the field.

**4. MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK**

Breast cancer will afflict over 200,000 men and women this year. More than 40,000 people will die from this disease, nearly 700 from Hamilton County alone. At some point we will all know a co-worker, family member, or friend who has been impacted by this disease or experienced the side effects of having a loved one diagnosed with breast cancer.

The Cincinnati Police Department is assembling teams to participate in the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. The five mile walk will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2006, at Yeatman's Cove. Registration begins at 0800 hours with the walk starting at 0900 hours.

This year's goal is to have every district, section, and unit within the Department represented at the walk. For registration sheets, help in organizing a team of your co-workers, or to make a donation if you are unable to walk, contact Lieutenant Colonel Cindy Combs, Information Management Bureau, at 352-3536 or Police Officer Mary Thompson-Cowan, District Four, at 352-3367.

Additionally, Curves fitness centers are offering ten free workouts for a \$10.00 donation which benefits the American Cancer Society.

**5. HEROIN OVERDOSE CASES**

[Attached](#) is a memo to Cincinnati Fire Chief Robert Wright from Dr. Donald Locasto, Cincinnati Fire Department Medical Director, concerning the increase in heroin overdose cases treated by Cincinnati EMS personnel in the past year.

**6. MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING STRIDES FOR CHANGE WALK**

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will be holding their annual fund raiser walk at Sawyer Point on Saturday, October 21, 2006, beginning at 0900. MADD has requested that the Cincinnati Police Department form a team to participate in this year's walk.

[Attached](#) is additional information on the Strides for Change walk. Contact Lieutenant Robert Hungler, Traffic Section, at 352-2514 with any questions.

**7. POLICE COMMUNICATIONS SECTION BACK UP OPERATION PLAN**

In the event the 800 MHz radio system fails, Cincinnati Police officers are to switch to Cincinnati Back Up 1 (CBU1) and await further instruction or dispatch. Officers can get to CBU1 by switching to Talk Group "J", Channel 1 on their radios. When the switch is made, two brackets surrounding a plus sign |+| will appear on the radio display screen. This signifies that the radio is in simplex mode. The radio must be in repeater mode to be able to transmit. This is done by pushing the black button below the purple button on the left side of the radio. Pushing the black button will remove the plus sign surrounded by brackets |+| putting the radio in repeater mode. The Cincinnati Fire Department will operate on CBU2, Hamilton County Police Dispatch on CBU3, and Hamilton County Fire Dispatch on CBU4.

Police Communications Section (PCS) will notify the districts, Special Services Section, and Criminal Investigation Section of the system failure by teletype and land line with instructions on how to switch to CBU1. Police officers in the field will also be notified by MDC and/or MDT. Command personnel will receive instructions via two way pager.

If there is a total system failure, old Motorola HT1000 UHF radios can be used to transmit emergency dispatches and information. Each district/section/unit will be issued 20 UHF radios and battery chargers. PCS will communicate with personnel on Channel 8 and dispatch emergency transmissions with hand held radios. Transmissions will be limited to priority radio calls and emergency situations only.

**8. THANK YOU LETTERS**

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes are several letters of appreciation and praise written to the Police Chief for the professionalism displayed by our Department and specifically the following officers:

Sergeant Marilee Neudigate  
Police Specialist Mike Phillips  
Police Officer Donald Jordan

Sergeant Sylvia Morales  
Police Officer Evan Evans  
Police Officer Jason Rees

September 6, 2006

To: Chief Robert Wright  
From: Donald Locasto, MD, Medical Director  
Re: Overdose EMS Responses

In response to a recent query regarding the number of heroin overdoses treated by the department I requested my continuous quality improvement person perform an analysis of these types of calls.

I asked him to compare the current number of overdose calls related to heroin use to the same period last year. He compared the number of heroin overdoses requiring fire department treatment in the months of June, July and August of 2006 with the same time period in 2005. This analysis was conducted by reviewing the digital EMS patient care reports.

Similar time periods in the year 2006 compared to 2005 reflect a significant increase in heroin overdoses by **113%**.

In 2005 there were **15** occasions of heroin over dosage compared to **32** cases in 2006.

I believe this may be related to the problem experienced in other metropolitan areas where the street heroin has been cut with Fentanyl, a more potent narcotic agent with faster onset of action.

Anecdotally, firefighters have reported that the heroin overdose cases have required larger doses of naloxone to reverse the respiratory depression. This would be consistent with the effects of Fentanyl.



Dear Health Care Professional:

**Did you know:**

- Drunk driving is the nation's most frequently committed violent crime, killing someone every 30 minutes – *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*.
- Since MADD's founding in 1980, alcohol-related traffic fatalities have decreased 33% and MADD has helped save nearly 300,000 lives – *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*.
- In southwestern Ohio, 40% of traffic crashes are the result of a drunk driver, and nationally one person is killed by a drunk driver every 30 minutes.
- 97% of the general driving age public see drinking and driving as a threat to their personal safety and 66% feel it is extremely important to do something to reduce the problem – *Gallup*.
- Alcohol-related crashes in the United States cost the public an estimated \$114.3 billion in 2000, including \$51.1 billion in monetary costs and an estimated \$63.2 billion in quality of life losses. People other than the drinking driver paid \$71.6 billion (63%) of the alcohol-related crash bill – *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*.
- In southwestern Ohio 780 victims and families received support from MADD in 2005.

MADD's annual *Strides for Change* is a 5K non-competitive walk that will provide the community and businesses with a unique opportunity to get directly involved with MADD in "keeping our communities and children safe".

*Strides for Change* is more than a walk. It is a grassroots effort to increase MADD's mission in southwestern Ohio. By your participation in *Strides for Change*, MADD will be able to reach more people affected by drunk and impaired drivers in the future, as well as continue strong legislative efforts to impact driving laws. MADD is the largest crime victim assistance program in the country. Along with the 780 victims and families we aided in 2005, we educated 16,000 students and gave \$9000 through the Matthew Jay Anderson Scholarship Fund which is supported by Matthew's parents to victims or their children.

MADD's efforts are working in our communities. Polls show a continued increase in the percentage of individuals who never drive after drinking. Although alcohol consumption continues to decline, the concern about impaired driving remains paramount due to the staggering number of deaths and injury occurring every day. With so many of your employees on the road, I am sure you are well aware of the danger.

### **Our Mission**

To stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and to prevent underage drinking.

Through *Strides for Change* we are able to continue this mission. We are asking your department or you as an individual to join our returning sponsors, Cincinnati Bell, Kings Nissan,

Franklin Financial Services and Perfetti Van Melle in sponsorship of our walk. Last year's walk was a success, well attended and profitable despite the fact it was an inaugural walk and our late entry into the walk arena. With you on board we would look to an even greater success than anticipated.

A reminder: all proceeds remain locally.

Just to let you know, ceremonies for the walk begin at 8:30 AM near the P&G Pavilion and the walk starts at 9:00 AM. The festivities include a variety of fun activities all in a park-like setting for all family members and include:

- Pet Area
- Hospitality Area
- Kids Zone
- Safety Fair
- Survivor Area
- Memorial Tree

Please feel free to call with any questions. I thank you for your consideration of this worthy cause and look forward to speaking with you.

In our office is a memorial board filled with photos of victims of drunk driving. It is my lofty goal to never have another photo placed on the board. Please join me in that aspiration.

Sincerely,  
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**Celebrating MADD's  
25 Years of Keeping Our Children and Communities Safe**

### **Canine Cash Challenge**

**What's the Canine Cash Challenge?**

Have your dog raise more money than any other four-legged friend and be crowned the Canine Cash Challenge Winner for Strides for Change. The winner will be announced at the walk.

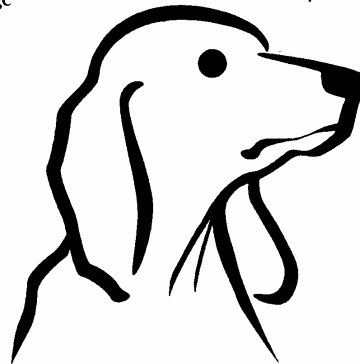
**How do I register my dog?**

Go online to [www.stridesforchange.org](http://www.stridesforchange.org) and click on your event location. When registering, under "First Name" type in your dog's name. Under "Last Name" type in the word "dog".

If you are registering your dog, PLEASE do NOT register yourself.

**Are there any restrictions?**

Only non-aggressive dogs on leashes are permitted.  
All owners are responsible for their dog's actions.



Please be sure to clean up after your pet.

**October 21, 2006  
8:30 AM ceremonies/9:00 AM Walk  
Sawyer Point**

[www.stridesforchange.org](http://www.stridesforchange.org)





September 1, 2006

Sergeant Marilee Neudigate  
Cincinnati Police Department  
310 Ezzard Charles Drive  
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KYLE PETTY CHARITY RIDE ACROSS AMERICA

Dear Sergeant Neudigate:

On behalf of Kyle Petty Charity Ride, Inc., we are truly, truly appreciative of the assistance and support of the Cincinnati Police Department. We are grateful to each of you and realize the escorts and assistance are integral components to the safety and success of our events. Please share with your team our heartfelt thanks. Enclosed are commemorative t-shirts to distribute. Forgive us for the delay as we've been incredibly busy upon our return. Please give me a call or email me at [dthough@carolina.rr.com](mailto:dthough@carolina.rr.com) and let me know you received the items.

Your leadership and efforts assisted our organization in providing support to the Victory Junction Gang Camp, founded by Kyle and Pattie in honor of their son Adam and Shriners Burns Hospital-Cincinnati. The third summer session is complete and children had the chance to go fishing, reach new heights at the climbing tower, and try horseback riding, many for the first time. Children living with illnesses such as cancer, hemophilia, immunology disorders, sickle cell disease, spina bifida, and epilepsy were able to kick back, relax and have a little fun. This is all possible because of generous financial support from events such as the Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America and your support of assistance – no family pays to send their child to Victory Junction. When campers arrive at Victory Junction, they are told that if they can dream it, they can achieve it.

Our visit to Shriners Burns Hospital – Cincinnati was one of the highlights for many; quite emotional and heartfelt for our participants and hopefully enjoyed by the children. The word has spread to other Shriners Hospitals for Children and we're thrilled to partner with such a deserving entity.

Again, a special thanks to you and your department for believing that what we do makes a difference. Please let me know if we can ever be of assistance to you in the future.

Sincere regards,

Diane P. Hough  
President/Executive Director

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September 8, 2006

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr.  
Cincinnati Police Division  
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Dear Chief Streicher:

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Sgt. Sylvia Morales for her assistance to the Norwood Police Department.

Sgt. Morales has been a valuable asset to the Norwood Police Division on several occasions where her bi-lingual skills have been needed. As always, she has assisted both the officers and citizen where there has been a conflict in regards to interpretation.

As always, we appreciate the assistance that the Cincinnati Police Division provides, and especially Sgt. Morales. I would like to offer her our most sincere thanks.

Respectfully,

William J. Schlie  
Chief of Police  
Norwood Police Division

Cc: Sgt. Tom Stein

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9-6-06

I write this letter to commend the efforts of your officers and detectives of District 2, especially Detective Mike Phillips and Detective Evan Evans. Unfortunately, I have had several occasions requiring their assistance, several grab and runs. The last incident was armed and violent, August 22, 2006. The officers and detectives at the scene were very helpful. I could tell that both detectives would be working very hard on our case. I later found out that they worked until midnight, on several occasions, to solve this case, along with other detectives and agencies. While I know that this was a group effort, I feel the efforts of Detective Phillips and Detective Evans should be commended. Every time, I thanked them for their efforts, their comment was that they were doing their job. While this is true, I feel they should be commended for doing this job very well.

Thank you,



Mark Agnew

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Susan J. Dlott  
District Judge

September 8, 2006

Chief Thomas Streicher  
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Re: Officer Jason Rees

Dear Chief Streicher:

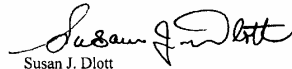
Recently I had occasion to hear a motion to suppress and had difficulty understanding from the testimony all of the pertinent equipment in a police cruiser. I asked Special AUSA Jim Butler if he could make arrangements for my law clerk and me to see the inside of a cruiser.

Officer Jason Rees was assigned to meet with us. The afternoon we spent with him this past Wednesday can only be described as fantastic. Officer Rees showed and explained to us all of the amazing equipment in a police vehicle, showed us the communications center where Lt. Gramke and Captain Bailey gave us a terrific tour, and then Officer Rees showed and explained to us his beat - Beat Two - in District One.

The afternoon was invaluable for several reasons. I had no idea of the level of sophistication that the department has in technology and communications. I will now understand testimony so much better about police cruisers and locations in Over the Rhine. Most importantly, it was inspiring to meet such a competent and dedicated officer as Jason Rees.

Both you and Officer Rees are to be commended on the excellent work of the Cincinnati Police Department.

Sincerely,

  
Susan J. Dlott

c: Mr. James Butler, AUSA

To: Police Officer Donald Jordan

Dear Donald:

Our group of Ukrainian doctors and psychologists thoroughly enjoyed talking with you on Friday morning. After a week visiting local organizations that handle drug prevention and treatment programs, it just seemed logical for the group to get a police perspective on this problem area. You covered it very well!

The group loved the DARE coloring book, hearing about your work in schools, and getting pictures with you. I was glad that you could explain to the group about how the police work for good community relations and how the media have access to police records. This last is different as the media in Ukraine have no such access to records. And, you do have a smiling, gentle manner that put everyone at ease.

Many thanks for a job well done.

Marilyn Braun

Coordinator, Open World program

Cincinnati-Ukraine Partnership

To: Sergeant William Bell

Subject: RE: Hero's Day Program at Pleasant Ridge 9-6-06

Hi William, Just wanted to let you know how much we appreciated Officer Donald Jordan at our Hero's Day program last week. He was a great sport and did a WONDERFUL job reading Officer Buckle and Gloria, a funny book about a DARE officer and his safety dog. While we had a smaller turn out than expected, the family who came really enjoyed the program and seeing the DARE van up close! That was such a treat! He also had excellent rapport with the family. We really appreciate all his time and trouble in providing a program at the Pleasant Ridge Branch Library.

Many thanks to you for arranging this and to the Cincinnati Police force for being so responsive to community requests. Hopefully next year we can arrange a summer program where we've had large crowds attending!

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